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**In the Claims:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~method for manufacturing~~ a clothing article for use with persons that have developed a hernia or are in danger of developing a hernia, preferably an ostomy hernia, comprising said clothing article being made with a front half for exerting compression on an abdomen of a user and being disposed around a lower body part of the user and made with a predefined size and shape, comprising knitting a seamless tubular item with anatomic fit for establishing a firm yet elastic structure of fabric producing compression of between 15 to 50 mmHg within a previously selected area of the clothing article forming an abdominal front portion which is located on the front half of the tubular item of the clothing article for providing an approximately constant compression within a range of users' sizes and shapes, wherein the fabric comprises elastic yarns ~~of elasthane~~ made of elastic fibers, wherein the fibers comprise between 15 and 60% of the fabric composition on the areas of the clothing article exerting compression on the user's body.
2. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ clothing article of claim 1, further comprising a ~~step for~~ extending the material in the item or for selective fixation of the item while it is placed on a form with a predefined size and shape.
3. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ clothing article of claim 1, further comprising a step for sewing together the tubular item for forming a panty brief with a lower body part area, groin area and leg openings.
4. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ clothing article of claim 3, wherein ~~the step for~~ sewing together the tubular item and the groin area for forming a panty brief with lower body part area, groin area and leg openings is performed ~~optionally~~ before or after the fixation step of the panty brief on ~~the a~~ form.

5. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ clothing article of claim 3, further comprising an aperture formed in the groin area in the panty brief so that the user can ~~relieve himself~~ urinate without taking off the panty brief.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ clothing article of claim 1, wherein the clothing article is made by circular knitting on a body size machine or a rectilinear knitting machine with two needle bars, ~~the machines being electronic controlled.~~

7. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ clothing article of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ extension ~~or~~ and fixation of the elastic yarns and elastic fibers is ~~performed~~ made with varying intensity across the clothing article ~~for thereby~~ establishing varied extension or elasticity and firmness in the article and thereby also providing varied compression when the clothing article is placed on a user.

8. (Canceled) without prejudice.

9. (Currently amended) Clothing article formed with a predefined size and shape for persons that have developed a hernia or are in danger of developing a hernia, preferably an ostomy hernia, comprising a seamless, knitted, tubular item positionable around a lower body part of a user, and comprising a firm yet elastic structure of fabric with compression property between 15 and 50 mmHg defining a pre-selected area of the clothing article forming an abdominal front portion of the tubular item, which is located on only a front half of the clothing article for providing an anatomical fit and an approximately constant compression of a user's abdomen within a range of the users' sizes and shapes, wherein the tubular item comprises elastic yarns made of ~~elastane~~ elastic fibers, and wherein the ~~fabrie~~ elastic yarns with the elastic fibers comprises between 15 and 60% of the ~~elastic yarns~~ abdominal front portion of the tubular item.

10. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the elastic yarns and the elastic fibers in the tubular item is are extended or fixed in order to provide the anatomical fit.

11. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 9, further comprising a groin area and wherein the tubular item comprises sewn connections at one end with the groin area, forming a panty brief with lower body part, groin area and leg openings.
12. (Canceled) without prejudice.
13. (Previously presented) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein in a circumferential direction the fabric has a force/elongation curve including a largely flat curve pattern.
14. (Canceled) without prejudice.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the elastic yarns, in the areas exerting compression on the user's body, have a thickness of 100 to 350 decitex.
16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the elastic yarns, in the areas exerting compression on the user's body, have a thickness of 150 to 250 decitex.
17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the clothing article, in the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 250 and 450 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the clothing article, in the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 300 and 400 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
19. (Canceled) without prejudice.
20. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the elastic yarns, in the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body, have a thickness of 100 to 350 decitex.
21. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the clothing article, in the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 250 and 450 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

22. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the clothing article, in the abdominal front portion areas exerting compression on the user's body, has a weight per square meter of between 250 and 450 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the fabric in the abdominal front portion comprises between 30 and 50% of the elastic yarns.

24. (Currently amended) The clothing article of claim 9, wherein the fabric in the abdominal front portion comprises between 30 and 50% of the elastic yarns.